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SUBJ: REQUEST FOR MEDICAL ASSISTANCE FOR PRIME MINISTER'S
WIFE

REF: BUCHAREST 2133

1. DR. KNOEBEL AND DR. SURAWICZ OF AMERICAN COLLEGE
OF CARDIOLOGY DELEGATION EXAMINED WIFE OF PRIME MINISTER
MANESCU AT ELIAS HOSPITAL ON MAY 16. THEIR EVALUATION OF
HER CONDITION INDICATES SHE IS SUFFERING FROM CORONARY
ARTERY DISEASE. DRS. KNOEBEL AND SARELICZ RECOMMENDED THAT
MRS. MANESCU UNDERGO A CORONARY ANGIOCARDIOGRAPHY IN AN
ENVIRONMENT WITH ADEQUATE EXPERIENCE IN THE PROCEDURE AND
WITH
AVAILABLE HEART SURGERY CAPABILITY. FYI: FROM THEIR
OBSERVATIONS THEY CONCLUDED ROMANIA DOES NOT HAVE ADEQUATE
COMPETENCE IN THESE DOMAINS. END FYI

2. FOLLOWING EXAMINATION, DRS. KNOEBEL AND SURAWICZ
SUBMITTED WRITTEN SIGNED OPINION TO ROMANIAN PHYSICIANS INVOLVED
IN CASE. BOTH AMERICAN DOCTORS WERE RECEIVED BY PRIME
MINISTER MAY 19 AND DISCUSSED MRS. MANESCU'S CONDITION WITH
HIM. IT WAS THEIR IMPRESSION FOLLOWING THIS VISIT THAT
FAMILY IS NOT CONSIDERING, AT PRESENT, OPTION FOR MEDICAL
TREATMENT ABROAD. FYI: THEY DID NOT REPEAT NOT DIRECTLY
RECOMMEND TO PM THAT WIFE UNDERGO TREATMENT ABROAD SINCE,
AS THEY PUT IT, THE PM DID NOT ASK THEM THIS QUESTION.
END FYI.

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3. DELEGATION'S ROMANIAN HOSTS HAD BEEN INFORMED OF

PRIME MINISTER'S

STEREST JUST PRIOR TO TEAM'S ARRIVAL

HERE. SUBSEQUENTLY, GROUP WAS ACCORDED FULL VIP TREATMENT INCLUDING SPECIAL DINNER IN THEIR HONOR MAY 19 HOSTED BY PRIME MINISTER'S COUNSELOR. REPRESENTATIVE FROM PM'S OFFICE AT DEPARTURE OF GROUP MAY 20 CONVEYED "SINCERE APPRECIATION" OF PRIME MINISTER TO EMBOFF MENTIONING THAT DELEGATION'S GESTURE AND CONCERN ON BEHALF OF MRS. MANESCU (DRS. SURAWICZ AND KNOEBEL HAD PAID FAREWELL VISIT TO MRS. MANESCU ENROUTE TO AIRPORT) WAS SIGN OF "WARMTH" AND "MATURITY" OF US-ROMANIAN RELATIONSHIP.

4. AS LEADER OF DELEGATION, DR. BEALL KEPT IN TOUCH WITH EMBASSY THROUGHOUT CONSULTATION. VIETS

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